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## Hi Brandon,

I appreciate the recap. Regarding our discussion, I would appreciate more clarification on the following items:

- For the sampling workplan: Is the Corps planning to sample before dredging?
- Where is the proposed placement for "turning basin" or any other material dredged within the closed area. Is any of this material to be placed outside the closed area?
- The Environmental Impact Statement indicates that "Under the recommended plan, factors that could affect DO include the increase in both water circulation and salinity" and that "There is potential for a change in bay-bottom velocities due to a wider and deeper channel and the actions taken as part of the DMMP". The predominant remedy in the closed area at the Alcoa superfund site is monitored natural attenuation (MNA). Has the Corps evaluated with modeling or some other analysis whether changes in bay-bottom velocity could potentially have any impacts to the site MNA? Also, has the Corps evaluated possible impacts to MNA from increased shipping activity?

Thanks,

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Good afternoon,

I just wanted to send out a re-cap of the meeting discussion that we had during our meeting this morning regarding the Alcoa Superfund site in regards to the Matagorda Ship Channel project.

Today we had a brief call with EPA and TCEQ regarding the Matagorda Ship Channel project and schedule. The main talking points included introducing the members of each team and their roles with the project, describing the background project information to bring everyone up to speed on the process, and the expected project timeline. Specific project detail discussions were tabled to future meetings so as to allow each side to further review and develop their responses. Specific topics to be included for future meetings includes the project's dredge material management plan (DMMP) and sediment testing plan.

We look forwards to working with EPA and TCEQ so as to provide the best DMMP and sediment testing plans that adhere to local state and federal procedures required under law. Please be on the lookout for future meetings as we progress with our project and thank you to everyone who attended our call today on this Friday morning.

Respectfully,

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